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Hi Chance,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide some initial thoughts on the draft proposed SMS revisions. Below are a few preliminary comments and questions divided into each section that was revised. Just because there are questions on certain provisions doesn't necessarily mean they are problematic – in many cases, I probably need a little more background to assist my very basic understanding of the SMS and MTCA. As you can see from the comments below, I think it would be a good idea for us to have some further discussions on a few specific items to help clarify. It might be a good idea to include staff from Ecology's WQS program at these discussions as well. I'd also be interested in hearing how you expect Ted Sturdevant's recent letter to influence the timing of the rule revisions and public comment. (See attached file: *SMS preliminary comments 2-10-12.docx*)

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding my comments and I'm sure we'll be in touch soon. Thanks again,

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Matt,

When we met on December 8, we discussed providing our preliminary draft SMS rule language for a review to determine

applicability to water quality standards/CWA and subsequent EPA approval. Attached is a document with the revisions that includes only sections -200 and -500 through -590 as these are the sections with the substantive changes. The draft is the one we have submitted to our advisory group for feedback. It will definitely change before we submit for formal public review – our anticipated timeline for formal public review is this spring. I have also attached the original SMS rule to provide context and reference.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further before your review. I understand your priorities may be changing in terms of workload. If you have an idea of when you think you may be able to get to this review, that would be good to know.

Regards,

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